

**Senate File 136 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to alternative practitioner preparation pilot  
2 programs to prepare individuals to teach elementary and  
3 secondary students.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, Code 2011, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 31. Adopt rules and, by January 1,  
4 2012, implement a procedure for the approval of alternative  
5 practitioner preparation pilot programs for individuals who  
6 have not completed a practitioner preparation program approved  
7 in accordance with subsection 3, but who have considerable life  
8 experiences, career achievements, and academic backgrounds as  
9 preparation for teaching students in one or more grade levels  
10 from prekindergarten through grade twelve.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill directs the state board of education to adopt  
13 rules and, by January 1, 2012, implement a procedure for the  
14 approval of alternative practitioner preparation pilot programs  
15 that prepare a person, who has not completed a traditional  
16 practitioner preparation program, to teach students in one or  
17 more grade levels from prekindergarten through grade 12.